

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

P.S.-T&A Department- Kurnool District – Sub-Treasury Atmakur – Admission of Bills/Cheques in excess of Budget/Balances –Sri S.A. Shukur, Sub-Treasury Officer (Rtd.), Atmakur, Kurnool District –Imposition of modified punishment -Orders -Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 2929

Dated:04.07.2012

Read the following;

1. G.R.Rt. No. 371 Finance (Admn.I. VIG.) Department dated 04-02-2006.
2. Review petition of Sri S.A. Shukur S.T.O (Retd.) dated 26-02-2008.
3. Government Memo No. 405/61/A1/Admn.III/2008 dated 31-03-2010.
4. Orders of Hon'ble APAT dated 04-03-2011 in O.A. No. 4838/2010 filed by Sri S.A. Shukur,S.T.O. (Retd.)
5. Lr.No. K(II)5/4294/2000 dated 01-05-2012 from Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
6. Orders of Hon'ble APAT dated 23-04-2012 C.A. No. 567 of 2012 in O.A. No. 4838/2010 filed by Sri S.A. Shukur,S.T.O. (Retd.)

ORDER :

On the basis of allegations appeared in the Press, the ACB authorities raided the Sub Treasury, Atmakur and found some irregularities and disciplinary action was initiated against Sri S.A. Shukur, Sub Treasury Officer, Atmakur and others.

2. The following charges were framed against him:

Charge – I:

“That the said Sri S.Abdul Shukur formerly Senior accountant, Sub Treasury, Atmakur Kurnool District and presnt Sub Treasury Officer, Chandragiri, Chittoor District while functioning as incharge S.T.O. Atmakur during period between 17-04-1997 to 7-2-1998, on the dates specified in Appendix-II has admitted and passed 35 Cheques as listed out in Appendix-II, under Six J.R.Y and four V.P.F. accounts in excess of the balance to the tune of Rs. 3,68,471/- and thus exhibited gross negligence of duty in the proper upkeep of Government money and account besides exhibiting lack of integrity, devotion to duty and caused a loss of Rs. 3,68,471/- to Government.”

Charge – II :

“That during the aforesaid period and while functioning in the aforesaid office as Senior Accountant and also as Sub Treasury Officer in-charge, the said Sri S.A. Shukur has allowed Sri B. Murthuza, an outsider to meddle with official records, which is contrary to rules.”

Charge – III:

That the said Sri S.A.Shukur, Senior Accountant, Sub Treasury, Atmakur formerly and presently Sub Treasury Officer, Pattikonda while functioning as Senior Accountant, Sub Treasury, Atmakur, Kurnool District during 1998-99 has failed to submit monthly plus and minus memo under VPC (i.e. VPF,JRY & TFC) to District Treasury,Kurnool either along with monthly accounts (or) separately with a view to cover up the admission of cheques in excess of balances and resultant debit balances under VPF and thus failed in his legitimate duties”.

3. Out of the 3 charges charge I and III were proved and Charge II was not proved.

4. In the reference 1st read above, Government after examination of the matter, awarded the punishment of withholding of 100% of Pension and D.C.R.G. permanently on Sri S.A. Shukur, Sub Treasury Officer (Retd), besides recovery of pecuniary loss to a tune of Rs. 3,68,471/- caused to the Government along with interest @ 10% per annum from the date of misappropriation by way of excess releases, till the date of recovery of the entire amount and remitted to the Government account, by invoking Revenue Recovery act, 1884, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Aggrieved by the said punishment, the individual preferred review Petition vide reference 2nd read above, and after careful examination of the Review Petition, Government had rejected the Review Petition in the reference 3rd read above.

6. Aggrieved by this Sri S.A. Shukur, Sub Treasury Officer (Retd) has filed an O.A. No. 4838 of 2010 before Hon'ble A.P.A.T. vide reference 4th read above. The Hon'ble APAT vide its order dated 04-03-2011 passed the following orders :

“while disposing the O.A. upheld the order of the disciplinary authority, finding the applicant guilty of the charge but modified the punishment of withholding 100% pension and DCRG permanently to that of withholding 30% cut in pension permanently and directed the respondents to verify whether the amount of Rs.2,10,327/- was remitted, out of the excess drawal amount of Rs. 3,68,471/- and if so, to recover the balance amount of Rs.1,58,144/- only from the applicant”.

7. Accordingly, after careful examination of the orders of Hon'ble APAT dated 04-03-2011 and 23-04-2012 in the reference 4th and 6th read above and also the report of the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, vide reference 5th cited, Government hereby order to modify the earlier punishment of withholding of 100% of Pension and D.C.R.G. permanently awarded in the reference 1st read above on Sri S.A. Shukur, Sub Treasury Officer (Retd) besides recovery of pecuniary loss to a tune of Rs. 3,68,471/- caused to the Government along with interest @ 10% per annum from the date of misappropriation by way of excess releases, till the date of recovery of the entire amount and remitted to the Government account, by invoking Revenue Recovery Act, 1884, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, to that of withholding 30% pension permanently and to recover the amount of Rs. 1,58,144/- only from the applicant, out of the excess drawl amount of Rs. 3,68,471/- provided the contention of the Charged Officer that he had collected Rs. 2,10,327 from the Surpanchas concerned.

8. The Director of treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly and serve this order on the individual and send the served copy with acknowledgement to the Government, at the earliest.

9. The G.O. is available on Internet and can be accessed at the address <http://w.w.w.goir.ap.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. D.SAMBASIVA RAO

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To

The individual (through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to :

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad

The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER